

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE, BY URGING THAT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT TO HOLD SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CAPITAL FUNDING HARMLESS FROM THE IMPACT OF PROPERTY TAX REFORM AND BUDGET SHORTFALLS BY FUNDING THE STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT MINIMALLY 2008-2009 LEVELS, RESTORE THE LOCAL DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL OUTLAY LEVY TO 2-MILLS, AND OPPOSE LEGISLATION THAT REDUCES THE NUMBER OF IN-SERVICE HOURS REQUIRED OF TEACHERS PROVIDING INSTRUCTION TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah pledge their support for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Constitution provides that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida and a paramount duty of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida has experienced significant budget reductions of nearly \$300 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the education system needs to respond to the workforce needs of Florida's employers, including programs that expand career academies in high schools, aligning career education with industry standards and workforce demands, and expanding options for students to continue their education and enter the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida should continue to move its education system at all levels into the top quartile in education equality, student rankings, and graduation rates based on national standards; and

**WHEREAS**, funding a high-quality education system is an investment in our state's and our community's ability to compete nationally and globally in the marketplace, and necessary to achieve a high-quality education system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah urge the Florida Legislature to fulfill its commitment to hold school district operational and capital funding

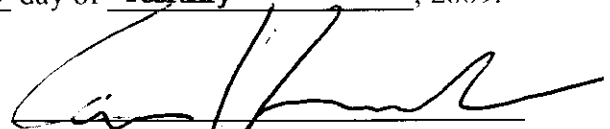
harmless from the impact of property tax reform and budget shortfalls by funding the student enrollment at minimally 2008-2009 levels, restore the local discretionary capital outlay levy to 2-mills, and oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teachers providing instruction to English Language Learners, in furtherance of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

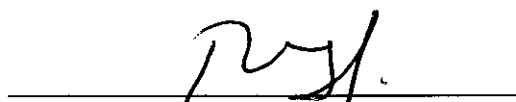
**Section 1.** The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida urge the Florida Legislature to fulfill its commitment to hold school district operational and capital funding harmless from the impact of property tax reform and budget shortfalls by funding the student enrollment at minimally 2008-2009 levels, restore the local discretionary capital outlay levy to 2-mills, and oppose legislation that reduces the number of in-service hours required of teachers providing instruction to English Language Learners, in furtherance of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' legislative initiative.

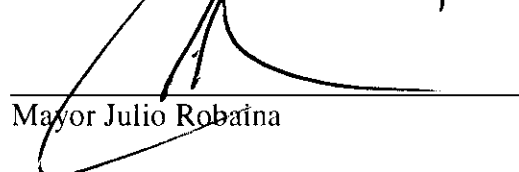
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2009.

  
Carlos Hernandez  
Council President

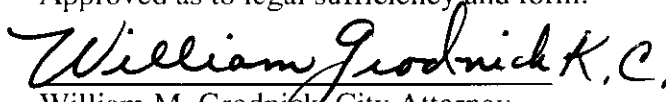
Attest:

  
Rafael E. Granada, City Clerk

Approved on the 25 day of February, 2009.

  
Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

  
William M. Grodnick, City Attorney